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SPEECH OF

**HON. GREG STANTON**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 27, 2021*

Mr. STANTON. Madam Speaker, I want to commend Chair DELAURO and Chair PINGREE for their work on this bill and the significant progress it makes in addressing so many issues that have impacted tribes across the nation, including Arizona.

This is by far the most funding provided to tribal nations in the history of our country, and I appreciate your commitment to consulting with tribal governments as this bill was drafted.

The bill before us includes funding for staffing newly opened health facilities. Very near my district, the River People's Health Center, located on the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Reservation, is one of these new facilities.

I am grateful it would fully fund the Indian Health Service's (IHS) request for staff at the River People Health Center, and that language is included to ensure the facility will receive staffing funding should the opening date come earlier than IHS currently projects.

However, I also understand that the Community has raised concerns with the IHS that the funding request does not include 11 positions that are in the original authorized staffing plan for the Health Center.

Unfortunately, while the Community sent a letter more than two months ago requesting clarification and justification for this discrepancy, they have yet to receive a response.

While this issue is being worked out between the Community and IHS, I would ask that the Committee continue to work with me to ensure the final bill will fully fund the authorized staffing levels and 638 contracts for the newly-opened facilities, as agreed to in the final contract between the tribe and the federal government.

Chairwoman Chellie Pingree:

I want to thank the gentleman from Arizona for raising this concern and for his consistent support for strong funding for Tribal Nations. I am proud to say that our subcommittee has strongly supported Tribal priorities and programs, because we know that these accounts are still far underfunded and oversubscribed.

I also want to thank him for his support of the Indian Health Services' River People's Health Center on the Salt River Reservation. I am very pleased that this bill provides the

funding necessary to open this new facility and others across the nation. With the pandemic still raging in many parts of the Country, it is essential that we get these facilities up and running as soon as possible.

Staffing for new facilities is an issue we closely monitor. We look forward to updates on negotiations between the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community and IHS and will work with our colleagues in the Senate as the situation evolves.

I thank Madam Chair for her support. I look forward to working with her and supporting the wellbeing of our Tribal communities.

IN RECOGNITION OF ASHLEE WARD ON HER INDUCTION INTO THE LUZERNE COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor former athlete, coach, and Northeastern Pennsylvania native Ashlee Ward. Ashlee will be inducted into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame in 2021 for her distinct athletic achievements in the sport of track and field. She and her fellow inductees will be honored at a reception on August 8, 2021.

Each year, the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame honors those who have brought fame and recognition to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through their outstanding achievements and contributions in athletic endeavors.

At Meyers High School, Ashlee was a star member of the track and field team. She held the records in high jump and discus. At the PIAA District 2 Championship in 2007, she was the high jump champion and placed fourth in discus. She went on to take eighth place in high jump at the PIAA State Championship. The following year, Ashlee again came out on top to take first place in high jump at the District 2 Championship, as well as second place in discus. She was sixth in the state for the high jump. In 2009, she placed second in high jump and third in discus at the District Championships and ninth in the state for high jump. Her senior year, she was crowned the District 2 Champion in both discus and high jump, and she was second in the state for high jump and fourth in discus.

While at Misericordia University, she held the school records in high jump and discus as well as the Middle Atlantic Conference indoor and outdoor high jump records. Her freshman year, at the MAC Indoor Championships, she was runner-up in high jump, and at the MAC Outdoor Championship, she was named Field Athlete of the Year and Champion in high jump and discus. At the NCAA Outdoor qualifier, she was 12th in high jump; at the Eastern College Athletic Conference Indoor Championship, she placed sixth in the high jump; and at

the Outdoor Championship, she earned All-ECAC outdoor honors after placing fifth in the high jump, as well as 11th in discus.

Her sophomore year, she was named the MAC Outdoor Champion in high jump and discus as well as the MAC Indoor Runner Up in high jump. She also participated in the Indoor and Outdoor ECAC Championships and the NCAA District III Outdoor Championships. As a junior, she continued to dominate the MAC as the Indoor Champion in high jump and the Outdoor Champion in high jump and discus. She also placed in the top five at both the indoor and outdoor ECAC Championships in high jump.

Ashlee had an incredibly successful senior season. She was the MAC Indoor High Jump Champion as well as the MAC Outdoor High Jump Champion and runner up in discus. She went on to compete at the ECAC Outdoor Championships, winning the gold in high jump and placing seventh in discus. She triumphed at the NCAA Division III Indoor and Outdoor Championships, placing first in high jump at both contests. For her efforts, she was named the NCAA Division III Outdoor Track and Field Women's Athlete of the Year for the Mideast Region.

It is an honor to recognize Ashlee on her induction into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame. May her story and athletic career serve as an inspiration to the next generation of Pennsylvania athletes striving for excellence.

IN HONOR OF GARY'S BAR-B-CUE

**HON. TED BUDD**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the time-tested excellence of Gary's Bar-B-Cue, a local favorite and culinary staple of the town of China Grove.

The North Carolina barbecue place, owned and operated by Gary Ritchie, celebrated 50 years of business on April 21, 2021. The restaurant's popularity and longevity can largely be attributed to Gary's principled commitment to "Good food, good service, and a clean restaurant." Gary's Bar-B-Cue epitomizes the core American values of hard work, determination, and generosity that fuel small business success and turn paying customers into lifelong friends.

Like many business owners, Gary Ritchie's start in the barbecue business began before he opened his own shop. After six years of working in curb service at Johnson's Barbecue, Gary converted a former Gulf Oil service station into his own restaurant, eventually expanding the venue's capacity three times. Gary's Bar-B-Cue now accommodates up to 216 diners. The building's seating expansion testifies not only to business success, but to Gary's aim to make everyone feel at home in his restaurant.

Gary's is a family business—but not just because Gary and Sylvia Ritchie married the

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year before they opened the restaurant. While the Ritchies have worked together throughout their restaurant's tenure, Gary and his staff make a point of treating every customer like kin, and many customers keep coming back because of the friendly service. Some might even say that Gary's barbecue dip is the only sauce around that runs thicker than blood.

For Gary, his family, and staff, the business was never merely about turning a profit. Over the decades, Gary's has become much more than just a restaurant serving up delicious southern food and barbecue. The China Grove establishment regularly hosts community organizations and groups that come for a good meal—yes—but foremost to belong. Through it all, Gary seems to have had his sights set on something loftier than pulled pork—namely, making every diner in his restaurant feel known and respected, regardless of where they come from, the clothes on their back, or even their political affiliation.

In a culture of heightened fear, animosity, and division, perhaps we could learn a thing or two from the slow-cooked wisdom of Gary Ritchie: "The easiest thing in the world is to be nice to people. It don't cost you nothing." Please join me in celebrating the enduring success of Gary Ritchie and Gary's Bar-B-Cue.

#### CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF UNION MEDICAL CENTER

#### HON. RALPH NORMAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Union Medical Center in Union, South Carolina.

Founded as the Wallace Thomas Hospital in 1921, Union Medical Center is a 143-bed acute care hospital that has provided critical medical services to the citizens of Union County throughout the last century. Residents are undoubtedly safer as a result of the high quality care provided here.

Union Medical Center has stood the test of time and has consistently risen above and beyond public health challenges to meet the needs of its community. In 2015, under the leadership of President Paul Newhouse, Union Medical Center overcame financial distress and joined the Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System, providing patients with greater access to enhanced services, multi-specialty physicians, and more advanced technologies.

More recently, through the Healthy Outcomes Program, Union Medical Center has worked to meet the needs of uninsured patients and help them purchase lifesaving medications and supplies such as insulin and glucometers. Union Medical Center has also implemented a telestroke program to provide quick, high level stroke care for patients. The hospital's commitment to excellence in treating patients with symptoms of a stroke resulted in the earning of Acute Stroke Ready certification from Det Norske Veritas, an international certifier.

Doctors, nurses, and other employees at Union Medical Center have worked tirelessly

through the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic to save countless lives throughout the rural county. I commend these healthcare workers for their selfless and brave sacrifices. These heroes deserve our deepest gratitude.

On behalf of the 5th Congressional District of South Carolina, I congratulate Union Medical Center on 100 years of outstanding service. I am grateful for their ongoing investments in the future of healthcare in Union County, and I look forward to a new century of continued medical excellence.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 231; NAY on Roll Call No. 232; NAY on Roll Call No. 233; NAY on Roll Call No. 234; YEA on Roll Call No. 235; NAY on Roll Call No. 236; YEA on Roll Call No. 237; YEA on Roll Call No. 238; NAY on Roll Call No. 239; YEA on Roll Call No. 240; and NAY on Roll Call No. 241.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF JACQUELINE HARDWICK ON HER INDUCTION INTO THE LUZERNE COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME

#### HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor former athlete, coach, and Northeastern Pennsylvania native Jacqueline Hardwick. Jacqueline will be inducted into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame in 2021 for her distinct athletic achievements in the sport of basketball. She and her fellow inductees will be honored at a reception on August 8, 2021.

Each year, the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame honors those who have brought fame and recognition to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through their outstanding achievements and contributions in athletic endeavors.

While at Dallas High School, Jacqueline excelled on the basketball team. Her sophomore year, she was selected as a Division II All-Star, and her team won the Wyoming Valley Conference Sportsmanship Award while also being named the WVC Division II Champions for the first time since 1985. Her junior year, she was named WVC Division II Player of the Year, and the team won the District II Class 3A Championship. As a senior, she reached a high school career total of 1,134 points and was named WVC Division II Times Leader All-Star. That same year, her team won the WVC Division II Championship. Jacqueline was also a key player on the soccer team; she was named a WVC Division D All-Star her freshman and sophomore years and a WVC District A All-Star her junior year. She helped lead the team to a Division D Championship her freshman year and to District 2 Playoffs her junior

year. Her senior year, her team was crowned the District A Champions.

Jacqueline continued her athletic career on the basketball court at Albright College. Her junior year, she was named Albright College's Most Outstanding Women's Basketball Player. During her collegiate career, she scored 1,016 points, and she helped the team make its first Division II NCAA tournament appearance in school history. In 2008, Jacqueline was recognized by Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

After graduating, she was hired at Kenwood High School with the Baltimore County Public Schools as a special education teacher, and she also coached the junior varsity girls' basketball team. From 2009 to 2013, she played semi-professional basketball with the Baltimore Starz in the Women's Eastern Basketball Alliance. Even with the demands of a semi-professional carrier, she continued to coach at Kenwood High School, serving as the assistant coach for the girls' varsity basketball team from 2009 to 2013. From 2011 to 2014, she coached Allied Soccer, and in 2013, she was named head coach of Kenwood's girls' varsity basketball head coach, a position she held until 2015.

It is an honor to recognize Jacqueline on her induction into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame. May her story and athletic and coaching careers serve as an inspiration to the next generation of Pennsylvania athletes striving for excellence.

#### IN HONOR OF duWAYNE AMEN

#### HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary career of duWayne Amen.

duWayne is retiring from his position as Director of Facilities at Summit School in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. duWayne started at Summit School in 1976 with an acute skill for all things mechanical. In the following 45 years, duWayne became ingrained in nearly every aspect of Summit's community and physical development, as he oversaw a number of expansion projects within the school.

Madam Speaker, it is not often that the influence of an individual's career is physically visible, but one walk through Summit School's campus is a testament to duWayne's hard work and dedication. Men like duWayne are hard to come by, and everyone who met him is better for it, myself included.

When asked about the way he hopes to be remembered, duWayne responded: "That I was professional-minded, to the point of being a perfectionist. But I enjoyed a good laugh. I wanted always to make things better than I found them. And that I really care about people, especially children." This is exactly how I remember duWayne and his work during my years at Summit.

You see, duWayne and I started about the same time, except he was graduating from Wake Forest University and I was starting kindergarten. duWayne was my bus driver, and because we lived on a farm so far away, we really got to know each other on those long drives. A lot of my love for the woodshop, mechanical shop, and life in general, came from duWayne, and I'm very grateful for him.

Madam Speaker, please join me in thanking and honoring duWayne Amen and in wishing him well as he embarks on the next season of life.

HONORING JENNIFER CAR-  
RUTHERS AS IOWAN OF THE  
WEEK

### HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2021

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jennifer Carruthers as Iowan of the Week. Jen is a female LGBTQ entrepreneur, strong advocate, dedicated mentor and passionate community leader for Iowa.

Born and raised in Rock Island, IL, Jen studied at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, IA receiving a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management with a focus on Urban Economic Development. She then went on to make her home in Des Moines, spending the last decade advocating for marginalized communities. Through her business 11 Eleven Productions, she was pivotal in launching and developing the female-led barber shop, Dapper DSM. Jen also founded Drag King DSM, which draws top performers and sell-out crowds in a marginalized art form. Over the last 10 years at Girls Rock! Des Moines, she has developed programming which now offers two summer camps and year-round services including the second all-female-led recording studio in the country. Her outstanding leadership in Iowa has been deservedly recognized by multiple community organizations.

Jen has been instrumental organizing and leading Capital City Pride (CCP), which has become the largest LGBTQ+ gathering in Iowa and one of the fastest growing Pride's in the country.

During her time leading Capital City Pride, the COVID-19 pandemic changed the way communities celebrate, but Jen knew the importance of celebrating Pride together. In 2020, she led the board in putting together some of their most beloved Pride Fest events virtually to ensure LGBTQ+ community-building continued. This programming engaged just shy of 30,000 people, providing critical connectivity during the height of the pandemic.

This June, Jen led the Capital City Pride board through 30 Days of Pride remaining cognizant of COVID-19. Events held across Des Moines included a mix of online and in person events allowing people to participate to their comfort level. Some popular additions this year included a Downtown Scavenger Hunt, the Rainbow Safari at Blank Park Zoo, Ride in Movie night at the Science Center and a Drive Thru Parade with Outdoor Concert at Waterworks Park. Favorites from year's past like the Silent Disco, Pet Parade and Pride Night with the I-Cubs brought people together in familiar ways.

As June and 30 Days of Pride ended this year, it culminated with another Drag King DSM production. But Jen is just getting started; started in another year of advocating, of educating, of learning, of uplifting others, and most of all, another year of celebrating Pride.

I look forward to 2022 and beyond to see what Jen will accomplish for the Iowa community, and it is my honor to name Jennifer Carruthers our Iowan of the Week.

TRIBUTE TO NEIL ADKERSON

### HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2021

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who exemplified the hard-working, blue collar life that is the backbone of our Nation. On February 23, of this year, the Lord called Neil Adkerson to his heavenly home at the young age of forty-six; but, in those forty-six years, Neil achieved the most important aspects of the American dream.

Coming from a childhood where love was plentiful, but means were scarce, Neil understood early the values of family bonds, of a strong work ethic, and of self-reliance. He never sought fame, and always shied away from recognition. Anytime he helped a friend or neighbor, which was often, he always did it with a smile. Neil worked long hours to make a modest living, and never complained about his life. He lived within his means, so he could provide for his family. His focus was on providing a happy, loving upbringing for his three stepsons, to which he only ever referred to as his sons. They are, in his words, his greatest contribution to this world.

Even in hard times, Neil always greeted people with a humble smile and a kind word. The one thing that that could raise his ire was someone disparaging the country that he loved dearly; and, even then, he would simply tell them why he believed America is the greatest country on earth, because it had given a poor boy from North Georgia so much freedom and opportunity.

In short, Neil Adkerson was a good man who loved God, loved his family, and loved his country. That, Madam Speaker, is the very essence of what it means to be an American.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ROBERT  
"BOB" MOSES

### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Mr. Robert Parris Moses.

Robert "Bob" Parris Moses was a civil rights leader, educational advocate, and pioneer in grassroots community organizing whose efforts played a key role in helping Mississippians gain basic rights.

Moses, a New York native, was a field secretary for SNCC in Mississippi during the 1960s. He also served as co-director of the Council of Federated Organizations, which used community organizing as a tool to launch voter registration projects across the state. COFO served as an umbrella for an alliance between the SNC, the Congress of Racial Equality and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and helped focus civil rights efforts in the state. COFO was known for its young organizers' door-to-door canvassing, voter registration preparation and workshops, and actual registration attempts in Mississippi.

In response to the state Democratic Party denying access to Black Mississippians,

Moses, along with Fannie Lou Hamer, Ella Baker and others created the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party. The effort created national attention at the 1964 National Democratic Convention as conflict developed over whether to recognize the integrated party or the traditional party. New party members ultimately failed at being seated as voting members of the 1964 convention, but their efforts brought new attention to the plight of African Americans in Mississippi and other Southern states and ultimately led to a revolution in the national Democratic Party on racial issues.

In 2000, Moses was honored by both the Mississippi House and Senate, whose members in past years had passed laws that he fought to overturn denying voting rights and other basic rights to African Americans. On July 25, 2021, Moses died at the tender age of 86. Bob Moses was quiet, meticulous, effective visionary, and leader. His contributions to the State of Mississippi should not be forgotten.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Robert Moses for his dedication to serving his community.

IN RECOGNITION OF PAUL  
LUPINSKI ON HIS INDUCTION  
INTO THE LUZERNE COUNTY  
SPORTS HALL OF FAME

### HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2021

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor former athlete, coach, and Northeastern Pennsylvania native Paul Lupinski. Paul will be inducted into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame in 2021 for his distinct athletic and coaching achievements in the sports of soccer, basketball, golf, swimming, baseball, and football. He and his fellow inductees will be honored at a reception on August 8, 2021.

Each year, the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame honors those who have brought fame and recognition to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through their outstanding achievements and contributions in athletic endeavors.

At Tunkhannock Area High School, Paul was a standout multi-sport athlete, earning letters in soccer, golf, basketball, swimming, and baseball. He was named All-Conference in soccer, swimming, and baseball, and his senior year, he received All-State Honors in swimming. In the pool, he set school records in the 50 freestyle, 100 freestyle, and 200 freestyle relay, and he won three district gold medals, one in the 50 freestyle and two in the 100 freestyle. In 1995, he went on to swim at the state championships, placing third in the 100 free and fourth in the 50 free. That year he was named to the High School Academic All-American Team. He was named to the 1994 and 1995 Times Leader Wyoming Valley Conference Swimming All-Star Team, as well as the 1995 Wyoming Valley Conference Baseball All-Star Team. He was also a Dutch Keller and Procter and Gamble Scholarship recipient.

At the end of Paul's senior year in baseball, he suffered a stroke caused by endocarditis due to a defective aortic valve. However, he was determined to honor his commitment to

swim for Penn State University that fall. He made an impressive recovery and went on to have a collegiate swimming career. He placed third in the 200 free relay at the 1997 Big Ten Conference Meet, and he was named Academic All-Big Ten athlete for the 1996–1997 season.

Paul's heart condition was monitored as he swam for two seasons at Penn State, but there were still signs of leakage in his heart. Despite deciding to give up swimming, he went on to play fall baseball for Penn State, and, in the spring, he was the last person cut from the team. In 1999, Paul graduated with a degree in chemical engineering.

While monitoring his heart condition after two open heart surgeries, Paul stays active and encourages young people to reach their full potential in sport. He has coached junior high baseball, age group swimming, rec league soccer, baseball, and basketball. He has served as the Tunkhannock Youth Soccer Commissioner and the Tunkhannock Youth Basketball Association Treasurer. He was on the board of the Wyoming County United Way and a trustee of the Center Moreland United Methodist Church. Paul shared his story of perseverance and overcoming adversity with the students of his alma mater as the keynote speaker of the Tunkhannock High School Honors Banquet.

It is an honor to recognize Paul on his induction into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame. May his unique story and athletic career serve as an inspiration to future Pennsylvania students striving for personal excellence.

IN MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE  
MARGIE RICE

HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of the Honorable Margie Rice, long time Mayor and Council Member of the City of Westminster, California, who passed away on Sunday, July 25, 2021, at the age of 92.

Mayor Rice served on the Westminster City Council for 22 years, including 12 years as the city's elected mayor.

Prior to that, Margie Rice served as a Trustee on the Westminster School District for 17 years. Up until her death, she served on the Board of Directors for the Midway City Sanitation District for 30 years.

In 2019, I was honored to join Margie and other board members in celebrating the 80th Anniversary of the Midway Sanitation District.

Mayor Rice was an active community leader and a public servant. She was passionate, dedicated, focused, hardworking, and above all, outspoken.

She was a force to be reckoned with—a force for good for the city and the community she cared deeply about.

Margie Rice dedicated her life to advocating for the needs of the community and she achieved many results for the residents and businesses of Westminster.

Among her legacy is the building of the Westminster Rose Center Theater, a 16,000-square-foot performing arts center for the whole community to enjoy. It was her brain-

child that is now one of the jewels of Westminster.

Margie was born in Alabama, but she called Westminster home for more than 60 years.

She was married at 16 and had her first child at 17. Together with her husband, they moved to Santa Barbara, California before settling in Westminster, just shortly before the city's incorporation.

Margie worked as a grapes picker before finding a good job with a fiberglass manufacturer. She was also a homemaker and an avid volunteer.

She volunteered with her children's school PTA, served as the president of the local Little League, and taught at Sunday School.

Despite all the things she did and even during her time serving on the City Council, she always made time for her children and her family.

Margie Rice lived in her Westminster house for 64 years. She is survived by two of her four children, 19 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren and 12 great-great grandchildren.

Mayor Margie Rice was as a pioneer, a public servant, and a community leader who loved and cared for the Westminster community with all her heart.

The residents in Westminster along with many people and communities across the 47th Congressional District will remember Margie Rice.

She will be dearly missed.

IN HONOR OF DOUG LEWIS

HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of Douglas Roger Lewis, who passed away in Winston-Salem, NC on April 2nd, 2021.

Doug Lewis spent his life empowering later generations to flourish as equipped leaders. Beginning his career in Buffalo, NY, where he was born, Doug took a position as a teacher at the Nichols School. He later taught in Pittsburgh, PA at Shady Side Academy before moving to North Carolina in 1957.

Doug came to Winston-Salem to serve as the headmaster of the Summit School, a role he faithfully carried out for the next 33 years. Working tirelessly to build on the foundation of his predecessors, Summit School grew by leaps and bounds. Under Doug's leadership, the school expanded by adding a junior high building and gymnasium in 1962, a science center and another gymnasium in 1977, a teaching and learning center in 1984, and a middle school building in 1986.

For Doug, working as an educator was far more than a job or a career, it was his calling. This was no secret to the countless students and staff who knew Doug as a friend, mentor, and encourager. The same was true for Bingle, Doug's wife, who also dedicated her life to education, working alongside her husband at Summit as a French teacher. Of Doug, his successor Dr. Sandra Adams, remarked, "Mr. Lewis was above all a man of vision. He saw possibilities. And because he saw possibilities he was rarely satisfied."

It was this same visionary drive that propelled Doug's work to fulfill his statement of

Summit School's mission, "Here we nourish all who come, especially children. We answer needs, enliven hopes, spur talents."

Our Nation is better today—and tomorrow will be brighter—because of people like Doug Lewis. As a student at Summit School, Doug was my principal, and I count myself a beneficiary of his leadership. It would be impossible for me to forget his warm and generous spirit, extending not only to his beloved students, but even to wildlife. I will always treasure my memories of him with the squirrels and chipmunks that he befriended, to the point that they even accompanied him on his walks around campus, sometimes riding the shoulders of his tweed jackets.

May we all live with gratitude for the life of Doug Lewis. Please join me in celebrating his memory and work.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 218.

RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS OF  
SEVERAL CHURCHES IN MY DISTRICT

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize the efforts of several churches in my district that worked tirelessly to provide relief, support, and resources to their communities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Churches provide essential support in our community during the pandemic, far beyond the call of duty. They hosted food banks for those in need, provided financial help to those struggling to make ends meet, and sought out opportunities to support the social, spiritual, and emotional needs of members.

Our community is better because of them and I recognize the volunteers who sacrificed their time, energy, and own well-being to provide relief to those who needed a lifeline extended to them. In a time of fear, they built a network of hope.

I thank the staff, volunteers, and members of Iglesia Amistad, Mosaic Church, Iglesia Palabra en Acción, Iglesia Ciudad de Dios, Confluence Ministries, Roca Fuerte, Iglesia Orchard, El renuevo, Northern Hills Church, the Colorado Multiethnic Coalition, and Renewal Christian Center.

The impact of this outreach on our community is profound. I commend all involved for their ongoing effort to ensure that no one gets left behind.

IN RECOGNITION OF ERIC SPEECE  
ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE  
LUZERNE COUNTY SPORTS HALL  
OF FAME

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor former athlete, coach, and Northeastern Pennsylvania native Eric Speece. Eric will be inducted into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame in 2021 for his distinct athletic achievements in the sport of football. He and his fellow inductees will be honored at a reception on August 8, 2021.

Each year, the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame honors those who have brought fame and recognition to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through their outstanding achievements and contributions in athletic endeavors.

Eric first stepped on the football field as a member of the West Pittston Rams mini football team. He helped lead the team to two championships, one in 1976 and one in 1978. He played Little League Baseball for Halls Nursery/Millers Economy; his team won the championship in 1979. He also wrestled in junior high.

Eric attended Wyoming Area High School, where he was a key player on the football team. While in high school, he gained over 1700 rushing yards and scored 26 touchdowns. In 1982, he lettered in football and received an honorable mention All-Scholastic. In 1983, he lettered and was named to the first team All-Scholastic as a running back. That year, he rushed for 1100 yards and scored 20 touchdowns. He was a leading scorer in the Wyoming Valley Conference with 20 touchdowns, a safety, and a two-point conversion. For his efforts, the Citizens' Voice named him Offensive Player of the Year, and he was named All-Conference VFW Player of the Year and WVC Second Leading Rusher. He played on the UNICO West Team, and in 2009, he was inducted into the Wyoming Area Ring of Pride. In addition to football, Eric played basketball and ran track.

Eric continued his football and academic careers at Lock Haven University. His freshman year he was the team's leading rusher and started seven games. He lettered in 1984–1985 and had 122 carries for 585 yards, five touchdowns, and one receiving touchdown. He then transferred to Bloomsburg University where he lettered in football in 1987 and 1989. While at Bloomsburg, he had 405 rushing yards with one touchdown and 90 yards receiving with one touchdown.

After graduating from college, Eric continued to pursue his passion for football. He played adult flag football from 1990 to 2006 in the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton area. In 2000, he joined the coaching staff of his alma mater, Wyoming Area. He also returned to West Pittston Rams mini football as coach from 1990 to 2006; his teams made the playoffs nine out of his ten seasons with the team. In 2000, they were the Super Bowl runners-up.

It is an honor to recognize Eric on his induction into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame. May his story and athletic career serve as an inspiration to the next generation of Pennsylvania athletes striving for excellence.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DARIN LAHOOD**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I was absent due to a delay coming to the floor. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 238.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TOM COLE**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Mr. COLE. Madam Speaker, for vote on final passage of H.R. 4346, had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 239.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF COLONEL MARVIN WALKER AS COMMANDER OF THE ANNISTON ARMY DEPOT

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I ask for the House's attention to recognize the retirement of Colonel Marvin Walker today as Commander of the Anniston Army Depot.

Colonel Walker earned his undergraduate degree from Dillard University and his graduate degrees from the U.S. War College and Webster University. He is also a graduate of the Command and General Staff College, the Joint Combined Warfighting School, and the United States Air War College.

In 1996, Colonel Walker received his commission in the Ordnance Corps. During his illustrious career, Colonel Walker held leadership posts around the world in defense of our Nation to include command at the company and battalion level. Colonel Walker repeatedly served our Nation in combat, deploying to Kuwait once, Iraq twice, and commanding the 3–401st Army Field Support Battalion in Afghanistan.

He has received numerous awards and decorations in service to our Nation—including the Bronze Star Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, and the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters—but no amount of awards could capture the valor, bravery, and commitment he has provided to our Nation, nor the incalculable debt we owe back to him.

Colonel Walker has served honorably as the 36th commander of the Anniston Army Depot since July 2019, where he has overseen an annual \$850M operating revenue in support of Warfighter readiness and has led a workforce of 3,000 personnel. He has earned the respect and admiration of all those serving at the Depot and led with great fidelity to our Nation. It is a great privilege to call the Anniston Army Depot part of Alabama's Third District, and a tremendous honor to have had Colonel Walker commanding the post.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Colonel Walker on his retirement and distinguished service to the Anniston Army Depot, the United States Army, and our Nation.

YOUTH, PEACE, AND SECURITY  
ACT INTRODUCTION

**HON. GRACE MENG**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to announce the reintroduction of my bill, the Youth, Peace, and Security Act of 2021.

Currently, youth make up the majority of the population in conflict-affected countries. However, youth remain under-represented in overseas conflict prevention, management, resolution, and post-conflict relief and recovery efforts. Youth and youth-led groups have shown their ability to play critical roles in deescalating conflict, preventing cyclical violence, and improving the effectiveness and sustainability of peace processes and agreements.

The Youth, Peace and Security Act of 2021 recognizes the importance of youth involvement and leadership in peace-building and conflict-prevention activities. The bill makes it the policy of the United States to promote the inclusive and meaningful participation of youth in peace building and conflict prevention, management, and resolution, as well as post-conflict relief and recovery efforts. The bill directs the State Department and USAID to develop a strategy to implement these goals. The strategy will prioritize providing training and technical assistance to youth; integrate youth consultation in aid programs; facilitate a safe and inclusive environment for youth; and, include youth in assessments of U.S. peace and security initiatives, among other priorities.

The bill would also require the President to appoint a coordinator to implement this strategy, currently held by USAID's Senior Agency Advisor on Youth. The coordinator will lead the implementation of the Youth, Peace, and Security strategy; establish an advisory group made up of youth and civil society organizations to guide the implementation of the strategy; and, oversee the awarding of grants and provision of technical assistance to youth-led, peace-building organizations and individuals. These grants are part of the newly established Youth, Peace, and Security Fund, which seeks to support organizations dedicated to peace building, conflict prevention, conflict management, and conflict resolution.

I am thrilled to be joined in leading this bill with my colleagues Congressman JOHN CURTIS, Congressman DEAN PHILLIPS, and Congressman BRIAN FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this important piece of legislation.

REMEMBERING ALBERT ONIS  
WATTS, SR.

**HON. DEVIN NUNES**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Mr. NUNES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Albert Onis Watts, Sr.,

who passed away on July 8, 2021, surrounded by his loved ones at his home in Terra Bella, California. He was 77 years old.

Born on June 7, 1944, Mr. Watts was a lifelong resident of California's San Joaquin Valley, growing up in Taft before marrying his high school sweetheart Earlene and relocating first to Delano and finally to Terra Bella. He spent thirty years educating children in Delano, teaching physical education and social studies before becoming the principal of Princeton Street Elementary School. Additionally, Mr. Watts was a twenty-year member of the Delano Elks lodge and started the Tulare County Tea Party Patriots organization in Porterville, California.

Throughout his life, Mr. Watts demonstrated a laudable commitment to his community in both his public and private lives. He will be deeply missed. Mr. Watts is survived by his wife Earlene, his children Michelle, Audra, and A.J., his ten grandchildren, his brother John and brother-in-law Michael, and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

IN RECOGNITION OF WILLIAM SEXTON ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE LUZERNE COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor coach and Northeastern Pennsylvania native William Sexton. William will be inducted into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame for his distinct coaching achievements in the sports of wrestling, baseball, and football. He and his fellow inductees will be honored at a reception on August 8, 2021.

Each year, the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame honors those who have brought fame and recognition to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through their outstanding achievements and contributions in athletic endeavors.

William is a graduate of North Pocono High School and Bloomsburg State College. He spent nearly four decades as a social studies teacher at Towanda Area High School. In 1978, he was named assistant coach of the school's wrestling team, and in 1980, he was promoted to head coach. Under his shrewd and capable leadership, the Black Knights had 676 wins, 233 losses, and three ties. His legendary career varsity record makes him the winningest coach in PIAA District IV history and the second in Pennsylvania all-time history. He coached his wrestlers to eleven Northern Tier League Championships, fifteen PIAA District IV North Section Team Titles, four PIAA District IV Team Titles, and one Northeast Regional Title.

Dedicated to helping young people reach their full potential in sport, William spent forty years, from 1978 to 2018, coaching the Black Knights baseball and football teams. As the head baseball coach, he led the team to 549 wins, and throughout his coaching career, the teams won eleven Northern Tier League Titles and one District IV title.

It is an honor to recognize William on his induction into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame. May his story and coaching career

serve as an inspiration to the next generation of Pennsylvania athletes striving for excellence.

IN RECOGNITION OF BOBBY CLUE

**HON. HAROLD ROGERS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of my good friend, Bobby Clue who is celebrating his 10th anniversary as Executive Director of the Somerset-Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce.

Bobby returned to his hometown of Somerset, Kentucky ten years ago to take on the task of leading the local Chamber of Commerce, and he has served as one of the greatest advocates for business development and support in southern Kentucky. His achievements in business management, government affairs, public relations and consulting in the public and private sectors have provided him with a great wealth of knowledge to better support members of the Chamber of Commerce and the entire community. I personally appreciate Bobby's decision to return home to use his expertise and talents to promote a brighter, more prosperous future in the Lake Cumberland area with a thriving portfolio of successful local businesses.

In addition to taking on the helm of the chamber, Bobby has also volunteered his time as a board member for several local civic and government organizations, including the Pulaski County Technology Center Steering Committee, the Young Professionals of Eastern Kentucky and the Mill Springs Battlefield Association. Bobby also serves as an Ex-Officio Member of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, lending his voice for the Commonwealth's entire business community.

More importantly, Bobby and his wife Andrea are now raising their beautiful daughters, Chelsea and Shelby Jo in southern Kentucky. I can only hope that they someday follow their father's footsteps to become leaders for the next generation in Pulaski County.

On behalf of Kentucky's Fifth Congressional District, I applaud Bobby Clue for dedicating these last ten years as a true champion for Main Street.

**JOE HERRIN**

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joe Herrin of Lafayette, Colorado for his service to the City of Arvada and our community.

On July 22, 2021, Herrin was involved in a serious accident at Jack B. Tomlinson Park when the mower he was operating overturned into Birdland Lake, pinning him underwater. Herrin was extricated from the water and put on advanced life support at Lutheran Medical Center. He passed away as a result of his injuries on July 28, 2021.

Herrin joined the City of Arvada's Park Maintenance division in May 2018 and was a

dedicated member of the team and public servant. Known as "Joey" to many of his friends and family, Herrin studied Environmental Studies at the University of Colorado Boulder. Herrin recently married his wife, Erin, and together they enjoyed the outdoors and could be found camping, hiking, and kayaking at various locations across the state. He will be remembered by his family and friends as adventurous and a music lover.

Recognizing this difficult time for the Herrin family and the City of Arvada, I want to extend my deepest sympathies for the loss of Joe Herrin as well as my appreciation for his service to the City of Arvada, its residents, and our community.

IN MEMORIAM OF SUSAN SCANLAN, ADVOCATE FOR WOMEN

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Susan Scanlan, the longtime president of the Women's Education and Research Institute (WREI) at the Women's Congressional Policy Institute. Susan passed away peacefully on July 16, 2021. She is known for her steadfast commitment to women's issues and her work in bringing exceptional women into professional roles here in Washington.

Susan was born in Philadelphia, where her father relocated while working during World War II. The family returned to Virginia in 1949 where they settled in Alexandria, where she attended Linconia Elementary and then W.T. Woodson High School before pursuing her collegiate education. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Sweet Briar College with a masters in modern languages from Tulane University, Susan began her career on Capitol Hill as legislative director for Representative Charles Wilson (TX-02), authoring legislation that admitted women to United States Military Academies.

Susan helped found the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues in 1977 and made WREI into an effective policy arm addressing issues crucial to women. In 1980, Susan wrote a proposal that would change the lives of more than three hundred women: to establish the Congressional Fellowships on Women and Public Policy at WREI. Since her proposal, hundreds of extremely driven, intelligent, and service-minded women have been sent to multitudes of congressional offices.

After she served as director of the caucus for five years, she pursued a new role as the Director of WREI's Congressional Fellowships program. Over three-hundred women from all backgrounds of America have been nurtured by this program, which placed them in congressional offices to pursue their passions for public service. After a brief hiatus to pursue other opportunities she returned to WREI as president in 2000. In recognition of her deep care for women and our nation's servicemembers, she was named by President Clinton to the Advisory Committee on Employment and Training for Veterans at the Department of Labor. Her dedication to her principles and values was on display even further in 2003 by her receipt of the Women's Leadership Award from the International Women's

Democracy Center, which was also co-awarded to then-United States Senator John Kerry. In November 2005, Susan was selected to become chair of the National Council of Women's organizations, a coalition consisting of over two-hundred progressive groups and representing over eleven million American women and their interests. She was a frequent presence on national media, calling out those who placed discrimination and sexism over equality and fairness for all peoples.

Without Susan's forethought and leadership in establishing the Congressional Fellowships, the Congress may never have been graced by the presence of such brilliant young women. Particularly, Susan provided my office with seventeen fellows since I first came to Congress, including Shvedova Nadezhda (1994–1995), Lisa Maatz (1997–1998), Megan Gordon Don (1998–1999), Megan Sullivan (1999–2000), Kimberly Mason (2001), Christi Corbett (2004), Karen Persis (2005), Anthea Watson Strong (2006), Bethany Sousa (2007), Allison Adams-Alwine (2009), Pamela O'Leary (2008), Elizabeth Darnall (2010), Julie Feeney (2011), Aimee Phelan (2015), Meenal Khajuria (2012), Nina Anand (2014), and Anna Le (2018). Many of the fellowship's over three hundred alumnae have gone on to pursue fantastic and storied careers in academia, business, medicine, law, nonprofit work, and continued public service through their state legislatures and the Congress.

I will always remember Susan fondly for guiding our House and I to these extraordinary women, for her fierce advocacy throughout the years on the issues of particular importance to women, and her enduring commitment to her own principles and values—no matter the obstacle. Though she is gone from our lives now, her legacy lives on in the people whose lives she graced with her presence.

Madam Speaker, I thank Susan for everything she gave me, Congress, and our Nation. May she rest well.

#### MORE FUNDING FOR CAREER EDUCATION

### HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLÁN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Mr. SABLÁN. Madam Speaker, today, I introduced two bills that give this House an opportunity to provide more funding for career education.

My Job Corps Nationwide Act does this by allowing the establishment of Job Corps centers in all U.S. insular areas. Job Corps centers offer disadvantaged youth training in more than 70 career paths and participants can also work toward earning secondary school diplomas or recognized postsecondary credentials. However, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act only authorized these training sites in the 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Allowing Job Corps centers in all U.S. insular areas would mean our young people would not have to leave to get the training they need, and local businesses would benefit from a skilled workforce connected to our community and committed to remaining.

My second bill, the Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education (IELCE) Nation-

wide Act, will help put people to work by providing support to increase their English proficiency. It is not unusual for my constituents to grow up in homes that speak one of the indigenous languages of the Marianas: Chamorro or Refaluwasch. By including all U.S. insular areas in the IELCE program, my bill will make grant funding available for programs that help English language learners acquire the proficiency needed to obtain employment.

By fixing these inequities in career education funding for the U.S. insular areas, we can help all in our nation receive the training and education they need to enter and succeed in the workforce.

The gentlelady from American Samoa, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, and the gentleman from Guam, Mr. SAN NICOLAS, are original cosponsors of the bills.

I urge my colleagues to support both bipartisan pieces of legislation.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE LATE HAROLD EDWARD "RED" GRANGE ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE LUZERNE COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME

### HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor former athlete and Northeastern Pennsylvania native, the late Harold Edward "Red" Grange. Harold will be inducted into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame for his distinct athletic achievements in the sport of football. He and his fellow inductees will be honored at a reception on August 8, 2021.

Each year the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame honors those who have brought fame and recognition to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through their outstanding achievements and contributions in athletic endeavors.

Harold was born on June 13, 1903 to Sarah "Sadie" and John "Lyle" Grange in Forksville, Pennsylvania. After his wife passed away in 1910 from typhoid fever, Lyle moved his family to Wheaton, Illinois to be closer to relatives. Eager to support his family, Harold began delivering blocks of ice to Wheaton-area homes after proving he could lift the 75-pound blocks of ice on his shoulders with ease. The strenuous job not only primed his body for the physical demands of football but also earned him the nickname, "Wheaton Iceman."

Harold had a standout high school football career, scoring 75 touchdowns. He continued his athletic career at the University of Illinois where he was known as the "Galloping Ghost" for his unparalleled agility and speed. On October 18, 1924, he helped lead the team to a national championship over Michigan in a game where he scored four touchdowns and covered 262 yards in the first twelve minutes. While at Illinois, he was an All-American three times and, in 1924, was the first recipient of the Silver Football Award as the Big Ten's Most Valuable Player. He was named to the Sporting News All-Team, the Big Ten Diamond Anniversary Team, the Walter Camp All-Century Team, and the UI

All-Century Team. In 1925, the University of Illinois retired his number, No. 77, the first of only two players to date to have that honor.

At the last game of his impressive collegiate career, Harold signed a professional contract with the Chicago Bears. With his magnetic presence and athletic prowess on the field, crowds would flock to the stadium to watch him lead his team to championships. For his efforts, Harold is credited with sparking the new interest Americans began to show in football and helping to legitimize and popularize the National Football League. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame as well as the Pro Football Hall of Fame. A historical marker on Route 154 near the intersection with Route 87 in Forksville, PA commemorates Harold's storied football career.

In 1941, Harold married Margaret Hazelberg. He had a daughter with Helen Morrissey in 1928, Rosemary Morrissey, and he has a granddaughter Rose Batka. He died on January 28, 1991.

It is an honor to recognize Harold on his induction into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame. May his story and athletic career serve as an inspiration to the next generation of Pennsylvania athletes striving for excellence.

#### HONORING MAC WILLIAMS: LEADER IN ALAMANCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mac Williams' retirement from his storied tenure as president of the Alamance County Chamber of Commerce and in commemoration of his great achievements on behalf of the county's economy.

Departing with over 45 years of expertise in economic development, Mac's service as President of the Chamber since 2004 has been critical to the addition of numerous businesses and their operations to Alamance County. From 2017 through 2020, Alamance County saw over \$425,200,000 in capital investment and has added over 1,265 jobs under Mac's supervision. While the numbers alone speak to Mac's extraordinary ability to attract new employers to Alamance County, Mac's accomplishments are even more impressive when considering the history of the county.

Long a fixture of North Carolina's textile industry, Alamance County's economy has benefited from its central location within the state. As the textile industry began to boom in the mid-19th century, the area naturally developed into a transportation hub, serving as a link between Greensboro and Raleigh due to its close proximity to the two neighboring cities. Though the textile industry is still strong in Alamance County, textiles no longer make up the same share of the area's economy as they once did. Rather than allowing Alamance County's economic opportunity to fade as much of the manufacturing process has been moved overseas, Mac Williams and the Chamber of Commerce worked hard to ensure that the county adapted its unique geographic and historic advantages to preserve its strong economic performance, pivoting to become a



hotspot not only for the manufacturing that remained, but now also for logistics and distribution.

Those who know Mac recognize him as a leader amongst his peers and it has even been said of him by Greensboro Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Brent Christenson that "Mac has long been the standard by which other chamber leaders and economic development professionals have been measured."

Please join me in thanking Mac Williams for his commitment to the economic wellbeing and continued prosperity of Alamance County. We wish him the best in his future endeavors. Today, Alamance County is "A Great Place to Be" in large part because of Mac's contributions.

[From the Triad Business Journal, Apr. 21, 2021]

#### MAC WILLIAMS TO RETIRE AS ALAMANCE CHAMBER PRESIDENT BY THE END OF OCTOBER

The Triad is soon to lose as second veteran economic developer within a year as Alamance Chamber of Commerce President Mac Williams draws the curtain on a 45-year career, around the end of October.

But like Loren Hill, who retired after 20 years as president of the High Point Economic Development Corp. at the beginning of the year, retirement doesn't mean he is going away.

Williams, who joined the Alamance Chamber in 2004, told the Alamance News he will be seeking other opportunities in the economic development community. He may not have to look far.

"Mac has another career in either consulting or site selection," Bob Lewis, shareholder and broker at NAI Piedmont Triad, told Triad Business Journal. "I'd hire him to come work with our company. He would be a dynamite addition to our site selection group."

Hill wasn't on the job market long. Within a month after leaving his prior post, he was named economic development director of the Piedmont Triad Partnership.

Lewis said Williams "had a great run" in his time in Alamance County. He played a key role in the recruitment of companies to both North Carolina Industrial Center and North Carolina Commerce Park. He helped lead the transformation of the county's former textiles-based economy into one focused on logistics and distribution, maximizing the county's proximity to major metropolitan areas and efficient interstate access.

Under Williams' watch, Alamance County brought in food distribution centers for Walmart and grocery chain Lidl; food manufacturing and distribution facilities for Sheetz and Lotus Bakeries; and had manufacturing wins such as Honda Power Equipment expansions and Honda Aero, which builds HondaJet engines for Honda Aircraft Co.

Most recently, he helped secure a new distribution hub for United Parcel Service and a distribution center for Chick-fil-A.

"Mac has long been the standard by which other chamber leaders and economic development professionals have been measured," said Greensboro Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Brent Christensen. "He leaves a lasting legacy of creating jobs for the Alamance County community and being a great advocate for this region. I know that his counterparts in the region and state will miss him, but hopefully we will be able to call on him for advice from time to time."

Added Brian Hall, director of development of Samet Corp., one of Alamance County's more active commercial construction con-

tractors, "Mac leaves a legacy of working in partnership with both public and private partners, to secure economic growth, driving investment in the county and helping to create a brighter future for Alamance County."

Not just "elephant hunting," Lewis, who has known Williams since the early 1980s, said Williams understands the value of recruiting multiple smaller companies that collectively provide similar impact to a single large one. Economic development requires leadership that effectively educates elected officials and the community on the value what is a public/private venture.

"We talk frequently and keep each other informed about various aspects of the market, and he has done just a stellar job for Alamance County," Lewis said. "He is highly respected in the economic development community."

He's forgotten more about economic development than most people will ever know."

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF CYRIL L. LEUELLING

##### HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2021

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Cyril L. Leuelling of Morton, Illinois, who passed away on May 19, 2021, at the age of 98.

Cyril Leuelling, born on June 26, 1922, in Dawson, Illinois, and graduated from Ball Township High School in 1941. In 1942, he was called to serve his nation and was drafted for World War II. After his training, Cyril was deployed to England to serve with the 359th Regiment, 90th Infantry Division.

Cyril achieved the rank of Technical Sergeant and was responsible for the lives of 40 soldiers. In addition to serving in D-Day and the Battle of the Bulge, Cyril and his men contributed to the operation which led to the liberation of the Flossenburg concentration camp in Germany. On September 28, 1944, in Metz, France, he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for saving a fellow soldier's life and then awarded the Purple Heart for wounds he sustained in combat. He returned home to central Illinois after 19 months at war.

Cyril was featured in a World War II Exhibit at the Museum of World Treasures in Wichita, KS. He attended and was interviewed for the Veteran's History Project at the dedication of the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. Cyril is also in the June 2002 issue of National Geographic "The Untold Stories of D-Day". He was a long-time member of the American Legion.

Cyril lived a life of full accomplishments, but most importantly, he will be remembered for his love and commitment to his wonderful family. On April 21, 1947, Cyril married Abigail "Abbie" Prater in Riverton, IL. They were blessed with four children, Nancy, Janet, Ronald, and Diane, 10 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren. After retiring from his distinguished 38-year-career at Caterpillar Inc., Cyril and Abbie spent most of their time traveling and visiting family all over the country. He was preceded in death by his wife of 68 years on April 18, 2015. Cyril's fondest memories in life were ones spent with his family and his love and pride for them was boundless.

I want to offer my condolences to the Leuelling family and the people of Morton on

the loss of a great man. Cyril left a lasting impact on those who had the pleasure of knowing him. May his memory be eternal.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 222; NAY on Roll Call No. 223; YEA on Roll Call No. 224; YEA on Roll Call No. 225; YEA on Roll Call No. 226; NAY on Roll Call No. 227; YEA on Roll Call No. 228; YEA on Roll Call No. 229; and NAY on Roll Call No. 230.

LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION, AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT, INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, TRANSPORTATION, AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2022

SPEECH OF

##### HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 4502, the Seven Bill Appropriation Minibus for Fiscal Year 2022.

This critical bill is a massive down payment on the promises we have made to the American people. After years of disinvestment in our infrastructure, reductions in health care spending, and limits on climate research, after 18 months of a devastating pandemic from which nearly all of our communities continue to struggle, this bill represents a chance to create good jobs, secure our safety net programs, and address the impacts of climate change.

The bill makes a massive investment in working families. It provides a \$20 billion increase for high-poverty schools and a \$3 billion increase in funding for special education programs. The bill dramatically expands funding for early childhood education and childcare. It continues our commitment to expanding access to higher education by increasing the maximum Pell Grant by \$400, dramatically increasing funding to expand higher education opportunities, including TRIO programs and GEAR UP, and increasing funding for Teacher Quality Partnerships and other higher education programs. The bill also provides \$106 billion for SNAP and includes provisions to ensure that SNAP will not run out of money and families will continue receiving benefits throughout the year.

I am proud to see the dramatic increases in funding for key health care priorities and to address long-standing health disparities and inequities. First and foremost, this bill finally,



after 45 years, repeals the racist, anti-woman Hyde Amendment to ensure that women are able to access abortion regardless of their income or where they live. The bill also provides a massive boost in funding for Title X Family Planning Services and for Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program, to ensure that these science-based, cost-effective programs continue to provide critical health and wellness services. In addition, the bill continues to increase our investments in life-saving research and public health infrastructure, including \$49 billion for the National Institutes of Health, \$10.6 billion for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, \$1 billion in new flexible funding to improve the public health infrastructure, \$1.8 billion for Health Centers, which includes a nearly 1000 percent increase in funding to \$50 million for school-based health centers.

The bill makes a significant investment in our crumbling infrastructure while creating new jobs and ensuring that we finally address the climate crisis. In particular, it provides \$105.7 billion to invest in transit passenger rail, airports and highways and provides \$250 million to ensure those investments also reduce our admissions, benefit communities too often left behind, and increase the climate resiliency of our infrastructure. The bill also doubles investments in passenger and freight rail and promotes safety through investments in transit state of good repair and expanded transportation safety and inspection workforce. Finally, after the House passed an amendment I offered, the bill will provide \$6 million in grants for security and maintenance at 9/11 Memorials and Museums. Taken all together, these investments will create tens of thousands of good-paying, union jobs and help our economy continue to recover and grow.

Access to housing remains a major concern in New York, and this bill will take some steps so that more New Yorkers are safely and affordably housed. The bill expands housing choice vouchers, or Section 8, to help 125,000 more individuals and families find affordable housing in their community and ensures that all 4.8 million families currently receiving housing assistance can stay in their homes. The bill also matches my request for \$600 million for the Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA), a \$170 million increase, so that New York City and other major cities do not face a massive funding cut this year. I am, however, very disappointed the bill provides just \$3.4 billion for public housing capital needs, which is not even enough to cover the massive repair backlog at NYCHA alone. As I have said many times before, the ongoing underfunding of public housing capital needs is not sustainable for NYCHA or other large public housing agencies. I am committed to working with my colleagues in the New York Delegation and across Congress to address this concern as quickly as possible.

In addition to all of these critical investments, the minibus funds eight critical community projects in my district, totaling over \$9.2 million in direct funding to NY-10. These projects include a new Parenting Center at Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn, elevator repairs at Harborview Terrace Housing Development, expansion of mental health and substance abuse program at the LGBT Center, and funding for the Columbia-Harlem Small Business Development Center. I am proud to be able to deliver this funding and

bring new jobs, better health outcomes, and improved financial stability back to my district.

# IN RECOGNITION OF MATTHEW KOLOJEJCHICK ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE LUZERNE COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME

## HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2021

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor former athlete and Northeastern Pennsylvania native Matthew Kolojejchick. Matthew will be inducted into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame in 2021 for his distinct athletic achievements in the sports of swimming and football. He and his fellow inductees will be honored at a reception on August 8, 2021.

Each year, the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame honors those who have brought fame and recognition to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through their outstanding achievements and contributions in athletic endeavors.

In 2004, Matthew joined the Wyoming Valley West High School freshman football team as a running back and linebacker. He also joined the swim team and broke a 20-year-old school record in the 50 freestyle in his first varsity meet. At the district competition, he won gold in both the 50 and 100 freestyle, and he went on to the state competition where he competed in the consolation. After transferring to Bishop Hoban High School for his sophomore year, he stood out as a running back on the football field. In the pool for the Argents, he won two district gold medals in the 50 freestyle and the 100 breaststroke. At States, he broke the existing PIAA 100 breaststroke record but fell short in the final touch and won the silver medal. As a junior, he dominated the football field as a running back and linebacker, leading the entire Wyoming Valley Conference in rushing yards. In swimming, Matthew once again excelled at Districts, winning gold in his leading events, the 50 freestyle and the 100 breaststroke; he went on to become the state champion in the 50 freestyle.

For his senior year, Matthew transferred back to Wyoming Valley West to play football under local legend, coach George Curry. He helped lead the team to a one-loss season and to the state playoffs. In the first game of the playoff series, he rushed for seven touchdowns against the undefeated Delaware Valley. In the next game against Parkland, a team that had not been scored on in seven games, Matthew scored two touchdowns. For a second year, he led the entire conference in rushing, and he set five school records: most touchdowns in a season, most rushing yards in a season, most rushing yards in a game, most touchdowns in a game, and most 200-yard rushing games in a season.

Matthew's lifelong dream was to play Division I college football, and he chose to forgo his senior swim season to make that dream a reality. He received several 1 AA college football scholarship offers before ultimately accepting a full scholarship to the University of Rhode Island where he was red-shirted his first year. His sophomore year, Coach Butch

Davis of the University of North Carolina offered him a spot as a preferred walk-on. He made the team and played back up running back and as a special team player for kickoff and punt return/coverage. He played in two bowl games with the Tar Heels: the Music City Bowl in 2010 in a win against Tennessee and the Advocare Bowl in 2011 in a loss against Missouri.

It is an honor to recognize Matthew on his induction into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame. May his story and athletic career serve as an inspiration to the next generation of Pennsylvania athletes striving for excellence.

# HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. JOSEPH "JOE" "CHITO" GARCIA

## HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2021

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the life of Mr. Joseph "Joe" "Chito" Garcia.

Born in 1930 during the Great Depression, Mr. Garcia had a strong desire to help his family and his community. As a young boy he shined shoes, sold lemons and delivered newspapers around West Tampa to help support his family. He then grew up to be considered a wise, quiet, individual with a big heart and was described as "an outstanding example of an honorable man who lived his faith, his deep devotion to his family and friends."

During his childhood, Mr. Garcia joined the West Tampa Boys Club and later went on to support four local clubs by serving as president of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay. He worked as a lawyer and served as the Chairman of the Tampa Port Authority. During his 16 years on the Tampa Port Authority Board of Commissioners, Mr. Garcia fulfilled his goal of developing the port to become business friendly for a growing Tampa area. Driving around the Channelside area in our hometown, you can see the influence and vision Mr. Garcia had for our city. When he retired, the Port Authority named their building after him. He was also involved with the Ybor City Rotary Club and the Florida Aquarium, all which made him one of Tampa's most notable philanthropists.

Mr. Garcia's life was lined by the values of his faith and service to his country and community. He attended Jesuit High School and got a scholarship to attend Loyola University, where he worked two or three jobs at a time to help pay his way. There, he joined the Navy serving in various leadership positions and continued serving in the Navy Reserve after active duty. After the Navy, Mr. Garcia attended law school at the University of Florida.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the citizens of Florida and my neighbors across Tampa Bay, I am proud to honor Mr. Garcia who died in the morning of May 28, 2021, two days after his 91st birthday and a lifetime of helping our Tampa community grow. Mr. Garcia made great contributions to advance the well-being of our Tampa neighbors through his integrity and leadership. We are grateful for his contributions and may his soul rest in peace.

# GOLD STARS MOTHERS FAMILY MONUMENT EXTENSION ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. ANDY KIM**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 26, 2021*

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak in support of the Gold Star Mothers Family Monument Extension Act of 2021.

Since our country's entrance into World War I, the Gold Star tradition has remained a simple, yet powerful reminder of all the sacrifices made by our servicemembers and their families. The qualities that our Gold Star Families possess are the qualities that we all seek in America: courage, perseverance, strength, and above all, an unflagging determination to see the right prevail.

The passage of this bill and the ultimate completion of the Gold Star Mothers Family National Monument would be the clearest display of gratitude from the American people. The monument would embody the spirit of national service, highlight the ongoing contributions Gold Star Families contribute to our communities, and provide visitors with a space to reflect and remember loss.

This bill would not have been possible without the tireless advocacy of Judith Young, a constituent of mine from Moorestown, New Jersey. I thank Judith for her work for the commemoration of Gold Star Families through the monument and thank the House for passing this meaningful legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the bipartisan work that was undertaken in the last Congress to get to this moment and the same work that was done to bring this bill to the floor.

# IN RECOGNITION OF THOMAS DOMBROSKI

**HON. RASHIDA TLAIB**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Mr. Thomas "Tom" Dombroski, a long-time resident of Detroit, who contributed actively to several community-based organizations and was especially known for his service as a member of the board of the Southwest Detroit Community Benefits Coalition and as a proud member of the Teamsters.

Tom was a tough, big-hearted person whose sense of humor and warmth belied his tenacity in the fight to protect his community in southwest Detroit. Tom was a champion of the underdog and advocated for justice on behalf of those who needed it most. Before he retired, Tom's work with the Teamsters Union prepared him for his second act in life as a community advocate for equitable development of the Gordie Howe Bridge international border crossing in Detroit. He was outspoken in the fight for clean air and good quality of life for residents who will live in the shadow of the large-scale transportation infrastructure.

I have always known Tom to be generous with his time and energy. His spirit will be sorely missed by the community he served.

Please join me as we recognize Thomas Dombroski's many contributions to the families of southwest Detroit and beyond as we give honor to his memory.

# IN RECOGNITION OF JOSEPH COSTELLO ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE LUZERNE COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor former athlete, coach, and Northeastern Pennsylvania native Joseph Costello. Joseph will be inducted into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame in 2021 for his distinct athletic and coaching achievements in the sport of track and field. He and his fellow inductees will be honored at a reception on August 8, 2021.

Each year, the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame honors those who have brought fame and recognition to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through their outstanding achievements and contributions in athletic endeavors.

Joseph was a standout athlete in football and track and field at West Pittston High School from 1957 to 1961. He was a two-time PIAA District II champion in the shotput. Joseph continued his academic career at the University of Scranton where he earned an undergraduate degree in education and a master's degree in administration. In 1966, he began his teaching, coaching, and administrative career at Pittston Area High School.

In 1970, Joseph founded the Pittston Area track and field program, beginning his legendary coaching career. He developed and built the program on the foundation of measured and thoughtful coaching while fostering a strong feeder system which resulted in hundreds of students participating in the program under his leadership. In the late 1970s and early 1980s, the Pittston Area Patriots dominated regional track and field. Between 1980 and 1983, the team won 55 consecutive meets, four consecutive Wyoming Valley Conference (WVC) League championships, four consecutive PIAA District II championships, and four Jordan Relay titles, in addition to setting district records and winning state medals. In 1983, the Wilkes-Barre Times Leader named him the first WVC Track Coach of the Year.

Some of the impressive records set by Joseph's athletes still stand today in PIAA District II, nearly four decades later. The Pittston Area 4 x 400 relay record of 3:23.44 set in 1981 by state medalists Ed Zaleski, Al Michalec, Vince O'Boyle, and Jack Goldowski still stands, as does the District II record in the 400 of 48.74 seconds set in 1982 by state medalist Vince O'Boyle and the District II 4 x 800 relay record of 8:00.84 set in 1981 by Mike Lombardo, Jay Loughney, Joe Bannon, and Bruce Marancik. Many of Joseph's star athletes went on to have impressive collegiate careers at institutions such as East Stroudsburg University, Bucknell University, and Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

In 1983, Joseph retired from coaching to serve as the assistant principal of Pittston

Area High School, and in 1992, he was named principal, a position he held until his retirement in 1998. The effects of Joseph's coaching were felt in the years after his retirement during the 1984 and 1985 seasons as the Patriots went on to win 86 consecutive regular season WVC meets and six consecutive WVC and PIAA District II titles.

It is an honor to recognize Joseph on his induction into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame. May his story and coaching career serve as an inspiration to the next generation of Pennsylvania athletes and coaches striving for excellence.

# IN RECOGNITION OF MTV'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize MTV, on its 40th anniversary for the cultural imprint it has left on our country and the work it continues to do as one of the world's leading global youth brands. Throughout MTV's 40 years, the brand has created reality television, expanded the creative mediums of the music industry, and inspired our nation's youth. Today, this New York-born and bred brand reaches 180 countries and 1.8 billion people around the world.

In August 1981, MTV exploded onto the airwaves with the release of the first-ever music video, "Video Killed the Radio Star" by The Buggies. Shortly after, MTV began to define popular culture and the music industry in an unprecedented manner with popular music becoming more visual and dance and clothing styles garnering a greater importance to the whole experience of music. MTV's popularity grew to such heights that in 1984 it hosted the network's first Video Music Awards—known as the VMAs—ceremony at Radio City Music Hall in the great city of New York.

In 1985, MTV began to air safe sex Public Service Announcements (PSAs), making it one of the first television networks to do so. These safe-sex initiatives continued over the years through MTV's It's Your Sex Life campaign and more, helping to educate our nation's youth on the importance of safe sex practices. MTV was a pioneer in the nascent efforts to ensure our nation's teens and young adults had the knowledge to protect themselves from sexually transmitted diseases and infections, contributing to lowering the rates of such diseases in the following decades.

Continuing its work in this type of educational programming, in February 1992, MTV launched Choose or Lose during the 1992 presidential election. The awareness campaign successfully engaged young people by demystifying the political process, encouraging registration, stressing the importance of voting, and highlighting issues of daily importance to Americans. The Choose or Lose campaign contributed to a twenty percent increase in youth turnout during the 1992 general election and remains a model for encouraging youth voter engagement.

In 1996, MTV grew Choose or Lose to include a bus that toured 80,000 miles between forty-eight states to engage even more young

Americans in the political process and shed light on the issues impacting them. During this time, MTV devoted more than 100 hours of airtime to policy issues affecting young people. The campaign was successful in registering 30,000 new young voters, and when President Clinton signed the Voter Registration Act of 1993 into law, he cited MTV and Rock the Vote's role in making such a landmark law possible. MTV used its voice to promote the bill, educate the public on the bill on MTV News, and provide a platform for the bill's sponsors and proponents. In addition, MTV provided \$20 million worth of airtime for Motor Voter PSAs, directing viewers to call their representatives in support of the legislation.

In March 2008, MTV broadcast an hour-long special event that brought together presidential candidates Hillary Clinton, John McCain and Barack Obama, as well as eight young veterans for an intimate discussion on the 5th anniversary of the Iraq war.

MTV also built a coalition of 3,000 partners in 2020 to launch the first-ever Vote Early Day. This new civic holiday and day of action aims to keep younger Americans informed and assist them in exercising their right to vote. Through these actions, MTV has shown the power of popular culture in motivating our younger generations to vote by using its influence to encourage millions of young people to "Choose or Lose" and "Vote Early."

In addition to its civic education work, MTV also has a longstanding history of mental health advocacy. They were awarded a Peabody Award in 2007 for their work on *mtvU: Half of Us*, a multiplatform campaign that includes a thorough website and numerous public service spots to help college students deal with stress and depression. And earlier this year, they launched a new multi-year initiative, "Mental Health is Health," which will harness the power of storytelling to destigmatize mental health.

Inspired by the spirit of youth—from escapism to activism—MTV's impact has transcended the entertainment industry and pop culture reaching audiences and driving social change all around the world.

I ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing MTV for its contributions to society and culture. Happy 40th anniversary, and we can't wait to see what the next 40 bring.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. LEON  
HALEY, JR.

**HON. JOHN H. RUTHERFORD**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. Leon Haley, Jr., who served as CEO of UF Health Jacksonville in my district. His sudden passing on July 25, 2021, is an incredible loss not only to his many family and friends who loved him but was also felt deeply by our Jacksonville medical community.

His colleagues have shared their tremendous respect for Dr. Haley, remarking that he led his team with integrity, kindness, and commitment to all he was called to serve. As the first Black CEO of UF Health, Dr. Haley prioritized the importance of providing high-quality and compassionate care to patients of

all backgrounds and was a known advocate for equality in healthcare. Dr. Haley played a pivotal role in Florida's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and is believed to be the first Floridian to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

On behalf of our Northeast Florida community, I rise today to recognize Dr. Haley for his years of public service and dedication to our community. I offer my heartfelt prayers for peace and comfort for his family, friends, and all who were blessed to know Dr. Haley. We come together during this difficult time to honor his memory as a great medical leader, doctor, colleague, friend, and father. May he rest in peace.

IN APPRECIATION OF MS. TESSA  
E. BROWNE FOR HER SERVICE  
ON MY STAFF

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in deep appreciation of Ms. Tessa E. Browne for her service to the American people as a member of my staff.

Ms. Browne joined my office in February 2019, having worked previously for former Secretary of Energy Dr. Ernest J. Moniz following his departure from the Obama Administration. She was referred to us by the office of U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), and after just one meeting we hired her on the spot.

The Scheduler is widely considered to be one of the most demanding and critical staff positions in any Congressional office. From ensuring that I made it to cast votes on the floor of the House of Representatives, join Committee proceedings, or attend meetings with foreign dignitaries and the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Ms. Browne's work each day ensured that I was able to carry out my duties as a Member of Congress.

In addition to serving as my Scheduler, Ms. Browne has also served as my Digital Director. From day one in that role, she helped to revitalize and significantly increase our online engagement across my social media channels. Many of my highest-performing social media posts occurred during her tenure, for which I am grateful. She raised the bar for my office's social media presence and set an example that I will hold my staff to for years to come.

This fall, Ms. Browne will be pursuing her Master of Public Administration at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs in New York City. I and all the members of Team Garamendi wish her the very best in her graduate studies. During her tenure on my staff, Ms. Browne demonstrated an unfaltering work ethic, approached every task with upbeat enthusiasm, and cared deeply for her colleagues and those around her. These same qualities will serve her well in her future endeavors.

While we will miss her deeply, we all look forward with anticipation to what Ms. Browne will do next and expect great things. She will remain a deeply valued member of Team Garamendi, always.

IN RECOGNITION OF SHANA  
WELCH ON HER INDUCTION INTO  
THE LUZERNE COUNTY SPORTS  
HALL OF FAME

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor former athlete, coach, and Northeastern Pennsylvania native Shana Welch. Shana will be inducted into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame in 2021 for her distinct athletic and coaching achievements in the sports of swimming and water polo. She and her fellow inductees will be honored at a reception on August 8, 2021.

Each year, the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame honors those who have brought fame and recognition to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through their outstanding achievements and contributions in athletic endeavors.

At Wyoming Valley West High School, Shana was a standout member of the swim team. She received All-American recognition from the National Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association in both the 50-yard and 100-yard freestyle event. She was named Conference Swimmer of the Year four times and won 15 PIAA District II swimming medals.

Shana was not only a skilled swimmer, but she was also a key player on the soccer, water polo, and track and field teams, earning four letters in water polo and soccer and one in track and field. On the water polo team, she helped lead the team to their first State Championship in 1999. She was a four-time All-State and four-time All-American, and in her freshman year she was named Rookie of the Year. After her senior year, she was crowned MVP.

Shana continued her academic and athletic careers at the University of Michigan, establishing herself as one of the best players in school water polo history. She set new program records for career goals and points and led the team as captain in 2006 and 2007. The Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) recognized her athletic prowess throughout her collegiate career, naming her Rookie of the Year in 2005, MVP of the CWPA Western Division three times, and CWPA Player of the Week nine times. Shana was instrumental in leading the team to the 2005 CWPA Championship and earned an NCAA tournament berth, as well as four consecutive division crowns from 2004 to 2007. USA Speedo named her a Top 40 player in both 2005 and 2006. In addition to her dominance in the pool, Shana excelled academically. She received the University of Michigan Athletic Academic Achievement Award in 2006 and 2007, and she received the Bob Ufer Sr. Athlete Award in 2007.

Shana played professional water polo in Australia with the UWA Comets the year after graduation and in Greece from 2010–2011. Stateside, she focused on coaching, accepting a position as Bucknell University's assistant swim coach for the 2008–2009 season. For the 2009–2010 season, she coached the Harvard men's water polo team. In 2014, Shana joined Long Beach State University as the women's water polo volunteer assistant, and, in 2020, she was named the first dedicated

coach for the women's water polo program since 2008 after leading the team in six stand-out seasons in various coaching roles. In recognition of her athleticism and contributions to the sport, Shana was named to the Michigan All-Decade team in 2010, and, in 2016, she was inducted into the CWP Hall of Fame.

It is an honor to recognize Shana on her induction into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame. May her story and athletic career serve as an inspiration to the next generation of Pennsylvania athletes striving for excellence.

OFFICER JUSTIN PACIFIC: 2020–2021  
POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

### HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Officer Justin Pacific of High Point, North Carolina, and his noteworthy accomplishment of being named Greensboro Police Department's Police Officer of the Year for 2020–2021.

Officer Pacific has dedicated his life to keeping his community safe through service. Beginning in November of 2005, he spent the past fifteen years across several different posts—working as a patrol officer, tactical officer, detective, and most recently as an investigator on the District 1 Critical Response Team. In each of the difficult jobs he has held, Officer Pacific worked tirelessly to make the Greensboro area a better place for all residents, earning recognition from his colleagues and superiors for his strength in leadership.

As an investigator, Officer Pacific has developed a reputation for his tenacity and consistent delivery of results. Having recently aided in the recovery of hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of stolen automobiles and machinery, Officer Pacific also brought perpetrators of the thefts to justice. He has assisted in procuring \$40,000 of drug money, \$4,000 of equipment, and has carried out the crucial role of investigating major assault and murder cases within District 1. However, these accolades alone do not speak to the true reason Officer Pacific is deserving of the award bestowed to him.

Rather, it is his mentor mentality and servant's heart that qualify Officer Pacific as 2020–2021's Police Officer of the Year. Going above and beyond his written job description, Officer Pacific has dedicated extra efforts to the education, development, and leadership of his teammates. His guidance and commitment to the professional development of his peers formed the driving force behind the readiness and success of the District 1 Critical Response Team. Even when acknowledged for the unit's high level of performance, Officer Pacific has humbly attributed his accomplishments to the strength of the team that he helped build.

Supporting Officer Pacific in his excellence is the team he has assembled at home. Backing his operation is his incredible wife, Jennifer. The couple have two children, Braedon and Addison, who play an equally important part in making Officer Pacific the man he is today. Together, the four-person crew form the accomplishment Officer Pacific is most proud of—his family.

Without a doubt, the lasting impact of Officer Pacific's service to our community is the

increased safety and security of individuals and families alike. Please join me in celebrating Officer Justin Pacific and his dedication to the Greensboro Police Department. Congratulations, Justin on being named the 2020–2021 Police Officer of the Year.

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DWAYNE STEPHENS

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dwayne Stephens of S.M.A.R.T. Local #9 on his retirement.

Dwayne is a lifelong resident of Colorado, mostly in Jefferson County, where he has committed his time and energy into serving his community and local unions. He started as the Business Manager of Local 9 in September 2000, and continuously held that position until July 2012, along with several other positions, including Trustee of the Nuclear/Hazardous Materials Committee, Trustee for the Stabilization Agreement of the Sheet Metal Industry (SASMI), member of the International General Executive Council, as well as rising to International Vice President during his time as Business Manager. He was then re-elected as Business Manager of Local 9 in July 2015 and served in that capacity until July 2021. He has been a strong advocate and champion for union rights and trade issues.

In addition to his service to Local 9, Dwayne has been very active politically throughout his career. I have worked closely with him in several capacities, including during his time with the Sheetmetal Worker's Union, as the Colorado AFL-CIO President, and his work with the Jefferson County Democrats, including his time as chair. I have always been grateful for his hard work and dedication to his community. I am particularly appreciative of his level-headed approach to policy matters and his kind, calm demeanor is one of a kind.

Dwayne is a loving husband and has been with his wife Linda for decades. I have enjoyed my friendship with both of them, and I wish Dwayne all the best in retirement and send gratitude for his service to the metro Denver community and the great State of Colorado.

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CONGRATULATING JOHN  
SCHOUTEN

### HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Mr. NUNES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate John Schouten on his retirement as Chief Executive Officer of World Wide Sires, an international bovine genetics company in Visalia, California. John retires after thirty-five years at World Wide Sires and twenty years as its CEO.

Despite joining World Wide Sires with little international experience, John rigorously applied himself, forging relationships that allowed U.S. genetics to enter countless parts of the world and support dairy farmers globally. As CEO, John continuously pursued the latest

technological innovations that made World Wide Sires an international leader in the bovine genetics industry.

In addition to pioneering World Wide Sires' success, John has been a leader for the whole industry. He served numerous times as Chairman of the National Association of Animal Breeders International Marketing Committee and worked closely with USDA Foreign Agriculture Service staff in various countries to develop more direct pathways for importing U.S. genetics. Under John's leadership, World Wide Sires' export business has grown more than 500 percent, expanding the company's genetics and support services to over 75 countries.

As a dairyman, I am grateful for John's considerable contributions to the global bovine genetics industry and helping American cattle farmers receive access to foreign markets. I wish John all the best in his retirement.

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IN RECOGNITION OF THE LATE  
JAMES MICHAEL DESIDERIO ON  
HIS INDUCTION INTO THE  
LUZERNE COUNTY SPORTS HALL  
OF FAME

### HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor former athlete, coach, official, and Northeastern Pennsylvania native, the late James Michael Desiderio. James will be inducted into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame for his distinct athletic and coaching achievements in the sport of wrestling. He and his fellow inductees will be honored at a reception on August 8, 2021.

Each year, the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame honors those who have brought fame and recognition to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through their outstanding achievements and contributions in athletic endeavors.

James graduated from E.L. Meyers High School in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania where he spent four years as a key member of the wrestling team. For his athletic prowess and leadership, he was named captain his senior year, and his efforts on the mat earned him induction into the Meyers High School Sports Hall of Fame.

James continued his academic career at Luzerne County Community College, graduating with a degree in science. He started coaching wrestling at Pittston Area High School before transferring to Meyers where he was the head coach of the junior high team and known for his care and attention to his athletes. James left the area to attend Miami Dade College in Miami, Florida where he received a degree in Mortuary Science. While in Miami, he coached wrestling for a local YMCA. James returned to Pennsylvania and opened Piszczek-Desiderio Funeral Home. His passion for the sport of wrestling endured as he worked as a PIAA wrestling referee, officiating the sport with fairness and expertise. He continued to work for the good of his community by serving on the Wilkes-Barre YMCA Board of Directors for more than ten years.

It is an honor to recognize James on his induction into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of

*July 29, 2021*

Fame. May his story and his athletic and the next generation of Pennsylvania athletes coaching careers serve as an inspiration to striving for excellence.